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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER E HODGES

DOCKET NO.:1:16-1394

VERSUS

JUDGE DEE D. DRELL

RUBY MARIE MANCHESTER

MAG. JUDGE PEREZ-MONTES

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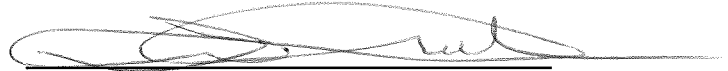
For the reasons contained in the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge previously filed herein, and after independent (*de novo*) review of the record including the objections filed herein, and having determined that the findings and the recommendations are correct under the applicable law; it is hereby

**ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that this matter be **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for lack of jurisdiction and the matter is **REMANDED** to the Louisiana Seventh Judicial District Court in the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana.

In so finding we note that Ruby Marie Manchester's timely filed objections to the Report and Recommendation have no merit as there is no justiciable claim for violation of her constitutional rights. While Ms. Manchester is correct that this court has federal question jurisdiction over claims regarding violation of constitutional rights, she has not named a single party who she contends violated her religious freedom. The only other party to the lawsuit is Mr. Hodges and he is not alleged to be, nor is he, a state actor. Accordingly, as set forth in the Report

and Recommendation, this court lacks jurisdiction of this matter and the lawsuit must be remanded to the Seventh Judicial District Court.

**SIGNED** at Alexandria, Louisiana this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dee D. Drell", is written over a horizontal line.

**DEE D. DRELL, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**